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For discussion on 7 December 2015

Expansion of Hong Kong International Airport into a Three-Runway System

- (i) Marine Park Proposal**
- (ii) Marine Ecology Conservation Plan and
Marine Ecology Enhancement Fund,**
- (iii) Fisheries Management Plan and
Fisheries Enhancement Fund**

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' comments on the Marine Park Proposal, Marine Ecology Conservation Plan and Marine Ecology Enhancement Fund and Fisheries Management Plan and Fisheries Enhancement Fund submitted by the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) as required by the Environmental Permit for the project "Expansion of Hong Kong International Airport into a Three Runway System" (3RS).

BACKGROUND

2. This Council and its Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Subcommittee (EIASC) discussed the EIA report on the 3RS in August/September 2014. The Council agreed that the report could be endorsed by the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) with 18 conditions and four recommendations. The minutes of the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) meeting held on 15 September 2014 is at **Appendix A** for Members' reference.

3. To facilitate the discussion at the ACE meeting to be held on 7 December, the Secretariat compiled a summary of discussions by the EIASC in various aspects which is at Appendix K of ACE Paper 7/2014. The discussions relating to these

three subjects in the summary are extracted in **Appendix B**.

4. DEP accepted ACE's recommendations and approved the 3RS project in November 2014. The relevant Environmental Permit conditions on the submissions of the three plans are extracted at **Appendix C** for Members' reference.

5. In compliance of the Environmental Permit conditions, AAHK has prepared the three submissions at **Appendix D** for comments by ACE before submitting to EPD.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to give comments on the Marine Park Proposal, Marine Ecology Conservation Plan and Marine Ecology Enhancement Fund, and Fisheries Management Plan and Fisheries Enhancement Fund at the ACE meeting scheduled on 7 December 2015.

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